केन्द्रों से प्रसारित किये जाने वाले मराठी भाषा के कार्यक्रमों का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या उक्त राज्यों के दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों से भी मराठी कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किये जाते हैं ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) क्या सरकार उक्त राज्यों में आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन के कार्यक्रमों के समय को बढ़ाने का विचार कर रही है ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसरण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०पी० सिंह देव) ; (क) ब्यौरे संलग्न विवरण में दिये गये हैं। [नीचे देखिये]

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) से (च) वर्तमान में इन राज्यों में आकाशवाणी केन्द्रों द्वारा प्रसारित मराठी कार्यक्रमों की समय-अवधि को पर्याप्त समझा गया है।

विवरण

आकाशवाणी केन्द्रों से प्रसारित मराठी कार्यक्रमों का राज्यवार ब्यौरा

गुजरात	शून्य
मध्य प्रदेश	
आकाशवाणी, इंदौर	30 मिनट प्रति सप्ताह
आकाशवाणी, ग्वालियर	15 मिनट प्रति सप्ताह
आंध्र प्रदेश	
आकाशवाणी, हैदराबाद	60 मिनट प्रति सप्ताह
कर्नाटक	
आकाशवाणी, धारवाड़	70 मिनट प्रति सप्ताह
गोवा	
आकाशवाणी, पणजी	410 मिनट प्रति सप्ताह

Saraiki programme on AIR

946. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to- the answer to Unstarred Question 3282 given in the Rajya Sabha on dated the 15th December, 1992 and to state:

(a) what is the duration of the Saraiki Programme alongwith the, days on which it is broadcast;

(b) what response the programme has evoked from listeners; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the duration of the said pro gramme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) The 15 minute programme is broadcast in the external service of

All India Radio once a week on Saturdays and repeated on All India Radio, Suratgarh, on Wednesdays.

(b) The response has been quite encouraging.

(c) No, Sir.

Completion of (the project for augmentation of T.V. transmission Network at Jabalpur

947. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in regard to the project for augmentation of TV transmission network including construction of the high TV tower at Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh);

(b) whether the work is likely to be completed as per original schedule, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the work is behind schedule if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The High Power TV transmitter at Jabalpur operating on reduced power of 1 K.W., as interim set-up, is expected to be augmented to full power of 10 KW during 1993, on completion of 220 M high tower, which has been constructed upto 170 M height.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The delay anticipated is of about $2^{1/2}$ years because of rocky conditions at site.

Curb on coverage of religious news items

948. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to put a curb on giving coverage to religious news-items including religious function$_s$ and ceremonies attended by Ministers and other political leaders on Doordarshan and AIR;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; arid

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. p. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) No change is contemplated in the extant practice whereby items are included in the news bulletins of All India Radio and Doordarshan based on, their news value and news-worthiness.

Indo-British Joint ventures in power generation

949. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAP; Will the Minister of POWER be pleas to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some new Indo-British joint ventures in power generation are on the anvil and announcement were likely to be made during the Delhi visit of British Prime Minister John Major; and

(b) if so, what we the details of such joint ventures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.